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Mexico Announces Administrative Procedures for the 2007 NAFTA TRQ's on Dry Beans

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Report Highlights:

On February 15, 2007, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published an announcement for the 2007 NAFTA tariff rate quota (TRQ) for dry beans from the United States and Canada. SE will conduct the first auction of permits to import 25,210 MT of dry edible beans on March 15, 2007. This quantity represents one-third of the total NAFTA TRQ for CY 2007. The auction for the remaining two-thirds will be held on June 1, 2007. The 2007 NAFTA TRQ, which is available to the United States and Canada, is set at a minimum access of 73,427 for the United States and 2,202 MT for Canada, both with zero duty.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on February 15, 2007.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On February 15, 2007, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced the administrative procedures for the NAFTA Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) for dry edible beans for 2007. The minimum Tariff Rate Quota for dry beans under NAFTA is 75,629 MT for 2007. According to this announcement, Mexico is allocating one-third of the NAFTA quota on March 15, 2007 or 25,210 MT. Under this system the U.S. and Canada will be able to secure import permits for one-third of their respective TRQs. This amounts to 24,476 MT for the U.S. and 734 MT for Canada. The remaining two thirds of the NAFTA TRQ, 50,419 MT, will be allocated on June 1, 2007. Both allocations will be through public auctions.

The SE announcement also states that official notification of the auctions will be published in the "*Diario Oficial*" 20 business days before they take place. It also states that the import permits for the first auction will be valid from March 15 to May 31 of 2007. While the validity for permits from the second auction will be from July 1 until September 30, 2007.

Important Dates

1. **Publication Date:** February 15, 2007.
2. **Effective Date:** February 16, 2007.
3. **Expiration Date:** December 31, 2007.

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